On behalf of the Class of 2001 I would like to WELCOME YOU - the parents, family members, friends and distinguished guests to the EAST STROUDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL - NORTH Campus, Class of 2001- Commencement Ceremony.

I, with my follow graduates, would like to thank the entire school Faculty and all supporting staff members, the District Administration, and the members of the School Board for their contribution to our success today.

Principal Carty, I ask that you convey our sincerest regards to the entire staff of the EAST STROUDSBURG - North Campus.

I would also like to THANK the parents and family members of to the Class of 2001, to you; I extend a special THANK YOU.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of my family, those who are here and those who could not make it, but I would especially like to thank my parents "Who prove that with parental involvement, love and strength - make moments like this possible."

THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 2001! You have set the standard for success. You have established this campus' community and we hold the special distinction of being the First Graduates of the East Stroudsburg North Campus. "CONGRATULATIONS".

But where do we go from here? This is the question that looms however obscure in the minds of all members of the Class of 2001. This achievement is but one of the many milestones that lay before us!

We will be faced with many challenges, and I remind you of Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken.* Just as the writer was faced with different paths, we are faced with many decisions in life - most of which can be decided on poorly, if not enough thought is put into them.

Some of you have chosen to continue your education, enter the Military or proceed into the work force - all honorable choices.

I am sure of one thing, at some time in the future we will meet again: either in the work force, a reunion, or a simple chance

meeting around town. When we do meet you should be reminded that each of us shares a special place in this School's history, the Class of 2001 is the First graduating class of East Stroudsburg - North.

WE
You all should be proud of our achievements; Throughout the year we have been faced with many new challenges. The least of which, was a completely new building, waiting on new books, and trying to work with new or dropped courses.

Yet, we were the adventurers, we chose to complete this, all in our Senior year, here at this new campus. We ventured onto new horizons, instead of staying in the secure and well-known grounds of the South campus.

We are the modern day frontiersmen, and we are the future business, political, and community leaders. This graduating class possesses the bravery of the latter-day frontiersman and the strength to achieve all of its future goals.

Reflecting on this past year I am reminded of something said to me by my father he said, "Your senior year will be your most remembered, yet it will seem like your shortest year of High School

life" I guess he was right!

When you reach your future challenges, whether it is tomorrow or years from today, you will remember this day for the rest of your lives.

Moving forward in this world will require extreme work and thought. Always look at the challenges from and angle, never straight-ahead, accept other people's viewpoints, strengths and weaknesses. Question the obvious, and provide constructive criticism, as well as take criticism when asked to.

Getting back to the question earlier, "Where do we go from here?" Only each one of you can make that choice. The question really is then, "Where do we want to go from here?"

Be sure that whatever path you have chosen to continue with is what you desire most, and this desire will make it possible to achieve any of your life goals.

Russell Crowe as **Maximus** in the movie *Gladiator* said "What we do in life, will echo in eternity."

I know that the Class of 2001's accomplishments will echo beginning today and last well into the distant future. We will make all the difference.

Thank you, good luck, and Godspeed - Class of 2001.